

Youth Advisory Board Minutes
June 9, 2011

Present: Barbara Ruhe, Charles Carey, Wendi Johnson, Gretchen Schultz, Mary Ellen Gregorio, Junito Mendez, Nancy Stilwell (staff)

Absent: Mike Verderame, Deb Hammer, Victoria Borkowski, Mike Hurley (Council Liaison), Patty Tiberio, Joe Bruno

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved (motion by Mary Ellen Gregori0, 2nd by Charles Carey).
Approved unanimously.

Nancy Stilwell provided an update for Youth Services. The Youth Employment Skills (YES) program is being planned for the summer. Applications are coming in and the plan is to operate the program with 12 students during the month of July. Funds are available to pay the students a \$500 per student. Available funds include \$500 from Robert Polford from the Civitans who donated the money following Barbara Ruhe's presentation to their club.

Nancy reported on a meeting that was held with the department heads at the request of the Town Manager. In an effort to reduce the size and number of boards and commissions, staff was asked to review each board and to see what changes could be made. To respond to that request, Nancy asked the YAB to consider reconfiguring the board to have fewer members and make getting a quorum easier. The following is proposed as the new configuration:

- 4 Citizens (over 21) – parents or adults who are interested/involved with youth
- 1 Representative from the Police Dept
- 1 Youth Service professional other than Town employee (needed to fulfill requirement for Local Prevention Council - Capital Area Substance Abuse Council grant)
- 1 Representatives from Community Groups or organizations
- 3 Youth members (one 8th grader, one 9th grader and one 11th grader) each to serve two year terms
- 1 School representative – teacher or administrator
- 2 Alternates – preferably at least one of whom is a teacher or school employee

Total 13

A motion to recommend this change was made by Wendi Johnson and 2nd by Junito Mendez. Approval was unanimous.

A brief discussion was held regarding Youth Volunteer Recognition Night. It was successful and it seems that keeping it separate from the event acknowledging senior volunteers is the better choice. It was also noted that the guest speaker, Anne Ostberg, brought literature on the Day of Service that some organizations have on Martin Luther King Day. It was agreed that this is something that the YAB will consider in the fall for January 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM (Motion by Mary Ellen Gregorio, 2nd Charles Carey.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Stilwell, Ph.D.

Director, Social and Youth Services